

Salary guides are great tools to use when examining careers and preparing for salary negotiations. Just remember that many factors go into a compensation package, and what you see in print may not always include all components. Find out how your current compensation rate compares with others in your area by checking out these general salary surveys and collections.

Research Salary Information

- **OSU Salary Survey** – Check to find out what other OSU graduates in your field are making. (<http://hireosugrads.com>)
- **JobStar Salary Surveys** – This Online resource at jobstar.org provides over 200 salary surveys, both general and specific.
- **Compensation and Benefits Reports, Abbott, Langer & Associates** – More than 300 benchmark jobs with current salary statistics online in IT/MIS, marketing, accounting, engineering, human resources, consulting, manufacturing, nonprofit, legal, and other fields. Also, current benefit practices and factors affecting pay are described. (abbott-langer.com).
- **Careerjournal.com** (formerly [Careers.wsj.com](http://careers.wsj.com)) – This site carries all of the occupational profiles published in the National Business Employment Weekly and includes the Salary Charts. You'll find the button for Salaries and Profiles at the bottom of every page. It allows you to select a job title and zip code to receive a salary report. (<http://www.salaryexpert.com/seco/index.cfm?Action=DisplayNAInput&CobrandID=95&area=360000>)
- **Salary.com** – The Salary Wizard accesses Salary.com's proprietary compensation database, which contains salary information on thousands of job titles. The Salary Wizard calculates salaries based on job title and geographic location.
- **Economic Research Institute** – This site provides you with two free calculators. One calculates relocation allowances and the other is for country-to-country cost-of-living comparisons. (<http://www.erieri.com/index.cfm?FuseAction=CareerPlanning.Main>)
- **PayScale** – The PayScale salary report provides real-time salary reports based on experience, skills, education, location and job title.
- **Reality Check** – Texas Workforce Solutions provides this site for finding out how much money you will need and which career will pay for all of your needs. (<http://www.cdr.state.tx.us/realitycheck/>)
- **What Are You Worth?** – This has a salary wizard for individuals and businesses. (<http://www.salary.com/>)